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Full-stack web developer with a bachelor's degree, a keen eye for bugs, and a commitment to clear, concise technical communication. My background in writing ensures I'm proactive as well as extremely scrupulous with details. Meanwhile, my experience in performing comedy instills a penchant for collaboration, resourcefulness, and community-building that is desirable for any team of diverse people who share a common goal.

Technical Skills

Javascript (ES6), React, Redux, Ruby, Rails, HTML, CSS, Git, GraphQL, PostgreSQL, Adobe Suite (Photoshop, Premiere)

Technical Projects

My DnD, **Github** | **Demo**
Dungeons and Dragons character creator with fully editable character sheet to update as the game progresses.
- Modeled a custom database schema with Active Record, Postgres, and Ruby on Rails
- Leveraged GraphQL to query an external API and dynamically display hundreds of branching-path options
- Prioritized accessibility by including tooltips and autofill features to aid less experienced users

ApartmentHunter, **Github** | **Demo**
Apartment searching application with Google Maps API implementation
- Developed a Javascript/React frontend, with a Rails/Active Record/Postgres backend to allow user to view and save apartment listings in the zip code of their choice
- Created a tiered filter/sort system, so users can find the apartment that best matches their preferences
- Implemented React 'State' to limit external API requests and manage user favorites

Middle School Madness, **Github** | **Demo**
Game where players navigate a maze, fight enemies, and use items to escape the horrors of middle school!
- Crafted movement logic within a grid system to check for objects/enemies and manipulate the DOM accordingly
- Implemented a scrolling text bar for item descriptions and crafted battle quotes for enemies to randomly choose
- Conditionally rendered various context dependent 'scenes' on the SPA

Professional Experience

Upright Citizen's Brigade   New York, NY
Writer   November 2019 — April 2020
- Collaborated with a team of actors and writers to produce a sold-out live comedy show every month
- Managed schedules and props, decreasing the actors' workloads to allow a more polished final product
- Communicated proper boundaries with directors to maintain a pleasant and respectful performance environment

ABC Kitchen   New York, NY
Server   December 2018 — March 2020
- Increased personal sales by 20% by utilizing in-depth knowledge of both sales tactics and food sourcing information
- Demonstrated a professionalism and efficiency that resulted in one of the quickest promotions to Server from Backwaiter
- Hosted large scale company events of 50+ people, complete with prix fixe menus and drink service

Education

Flatiron School   New York, NY
Full Stack Web Development, Ruby on Rails and Javascript programming bootcamp   December 2020 — April 2021

Boston University   Boston, MA
Bachelor of Music in Music Theory and Composition   May 2018
- Graduated Magna Cum Laude (3.87 GPA)